# What is the **College Bound** Scholarship?

The College Bound Scholarship offers the promise of tuition and books to qualifying 7th and 8th graders in Washington.



This scholarship covers the amount of tuition (at public college rates) not covered by other state financial aid, plus \$500 for books!

You can use it at two- or four-year public and private colleges and universities.

The governor and legislature want to inspire all Washington students to dream big.



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# Think you can't afford college?

## Think again.

If you're in 7th or 8th grade and you're ready to work hard in school, keep your grades up and stay out of trouble until you graduate, **you** may be eligible for a four-year **College Bound Scholarship**.



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#### How does it work?

- ✓ First, check to see if you are eligible. Ask your parents/legal guardian to look at the chart in the middle of this brochure to make sure your family meets the income qualifications.
- ✓ Second, complete and sign the application and pledge form while you are in the 7th or 8th grade. The online application is available on our Web site at: <a href="www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound">www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound</a>. If you prefer to complete a paper application, please call 1-888-535-0747. As part of the application, you will pledge to prepare yourself for college.
- ✓ Third, graduate from high school and apply for college. In middle and high school, you'll start preparing for college by studying hard, taking the right classes, and learning about college and financial aid.



## Are you eligible?

To be eligible for the **College Bound Scholarship**, your family income must meet the income eligibility requirements in the chart below.

Family size includes all the people for whom your parent/legal guardian is responsible. The income chart will be updated annually.

If you are a foster youth, you are automatically eligible to apply.

**Note:** Family income from the student's senior year will be used to verify financial eligibility for the scholarship.

# College Bound Scholarship Income Eligibility

If the number of people in your family is:	Then your 2006 family income must be equal to or less than:
2	\$25,400
3	\$31,800
4	\$38,300
5	\$44,700
6	\$51,100
7	\$57,600
8	\$64,000
Add for each additional person	\$6,500

If you are not eligible for the College Bound Scholarship, please visit: <a href="https://www.hecb.wa.gov/paying">www.hecb.wa.gov/paying</a> for information on other financial aid programs.

## What you have to do:

- ✓ Submit a College Bound Scholarship application/pledge.
- ✓ **Graduate** from a Washington high school (or home school).
- ✓ Maintain a cumulative high school GPA of at least a 2.0.
- ✓ Be a good citizen and stay crime free.
- ✓ Apply for **admission** to an eligible college in Washington.
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**).

Meet the **family income** requirements at the time of graduation.

